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SOUTHCREST FINALLY TO BE RID OF DANGEROUS HEALTH & SAFETY THREAT TO CHILDREN

*Court upholds action by the San Diego City Attorney's
Code Enforcement Unit*

WHAT:

Demolition crews will begin demolishing a vacant structure that has been a magnet for criminal activity such as drugs and theft. The property is located just around the corner from Emerson-Bandini Elementary School in Southcrest. Over the last 5 years, the ownership has changed hands, but the property has continued to deteriorate. Kristi Pfister, a Deputy City Attorney in the Code Enforcement Unit, filed for a preliminary injunction against the property owners. On March 22, Judge Ronald Prager ordered the property owners to tear down the structure and clean up the property within 45 days. The absentee landlords have ignored these court orders, as well as previous attempts by the City Attorney's Office and San Diego Police Department to remedy the situation. Three years ago, Officer Chrissy Johnson opened the case as a Problem Oriented Policing (P.O.P.) project and made a number of arrests at the property. Demolition costs will be assessed against the property.

WHEN:

Friday, May 31, 7:00 a.m.

Demolition will take place all day. Pfister & Johnson will be on site till 8:30 a.m.

WHERE:

1104 Goodyear, Southcrest community

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